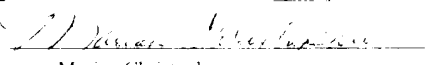


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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated 10 October 2001. The 2-month early response time expires on 10 December 2001. This response is therefore timely filed.

Of the considered claims 1-5 and 7-12 are pending. Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following discussion is offered in response.



Applicants submit herewith a substitute Declaration for Utility Patent Application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date. The oath submitted herewith has been corrected to claim priority to provisional application no. 60/105,831, as kindly pointed out by the examiner, and has been signed by all Inventors.

Applicants submit herewith the signed Statement in Support of Petition to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a). The unexecuted statement was previously submitted. Applicants also submit herewith the signed Statement of Assignee in Support of Petition to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a). The unexecuted statement was previously submitted. Submission of the foregoing documents executed by the Inventors and the Assignee, and granting of the Petition to Correct Inventorship (previously filed), obviate the obvious and anticipation rejections of the pending claims as contained in the final Office Action dated 10 October 2001. Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-5 and 7-12 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.



CONCLUSION

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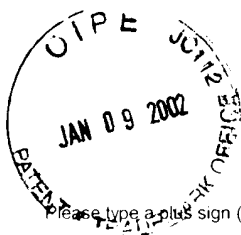
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